venor Bank i.e. Andhra Bank in February, 1998 and April, 1998. These relief measures include no recovery of either principal or interest from the affected farmers for a period of two years; conversion/reschedulement of loan for a period of 7 years excluding initial moratorium period of two years; and sanction of fresh crop loans to the affected farmers, etc. The above mentioned relief measures are also, inter-alia, applicable to cotton growers.

Golden Jubilee Rural Housing Finance Scheme

2572. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Golden Jubilee Rural Housing Finance Scheme announced by Finance Minister during the current year; and

(b) the details of the guidelines and the amount to be disbursed under the Scheme during the current year and 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) In pursuance of Finance Minister's Budget speech 1997-98, a special rural housing scheme known as Golden Jublee Rural Housing Finance Scheme (GJRHFS) was formulated and launched by National Housing Bank (NHB) on 15th August, 1997. For the first year disbursement target under the scheme was 50,000 numbers of loans for a total amount of Rs. 500 crore to be undertaken by various categories of retail lending institutions including the scheduled commercial banks scheme envisages provision of institutional credit upto Rs. 2 lakhs to individuals desirous of acquiring a new dwelling unit and upto Rs. 50,000/- for improving or addition to the existing dwelling unit in rural areas. During the current year i.e. 1998-99 a target of financing one lakh houses under the scheme has been set. Although no specific amounts has been indicated for this purpose, it is likely to be of the order of 1000 crores. Planned disbursement under the scheme for 1999-2000 has not been projected. The ceiling for granting loans under the captioned scheme has since been raised from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs.

The advances granted under the scheme will be reckoned as Priority Sector advances of the bank.

New Policy Package to ease Excise Laws for Warehouses

2573. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to formulate a new policy package to ease excise laws for warehouses;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and changes proposed to be effected in the Central Excise Act and Rules, procedural simplification and implications thereof;

(c) what is the time schedule for implementation of the changes proposed and present status of the proposal; and

(d) what is the reaction of Central warehousing and other related organisations to be proposed changes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) The Government has already implemented a newly formulated policy package for applying the warehousing procedures to excisable export goods by notification No. 2698-CE(NT) dated 15.7.98 and orders issued there under. This scheme is presently applicable to exports by Super Star Trading Houses, Star Trading Houses and Foreign Departmental Stores of repute. The warehouses can be established at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Jaipur,

Ludhiana & Mumbai. The exporters can complete almost all formalities and paper-work with the Central Excise office having jurisdiction on the warehouse for sourcing the export goods from factories in any part of the country instead of with offices at all such places. They can procure the goods in bulk, pack, re-pack, label or relabel and export in split quantities and assorted as per export order. Such alterations in exporter's store rooms are not permissible under normal export.

(c) Does not arise since already implemented.

(d) Only the Central Warehousing Corporation has shown keen interest in the Scheme and has represented for their inclusion in the Scheme.

Impact of Entry of Tobacco Companies on Revenue and Excise

2574. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the impact on revenue and excise by the entry of foreign tobacco companies with 100 per cent foreign equity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what would be the possible impact of such a policy on revenue and excise collection; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Presently, there is no proposal under consideration for any duty/tax concessions for cigarette industry. Therefore, the question of impact on revenue and excise duty collections does not arise and hence no such examination is required.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

अधिवक्ता अधिनियम की धारा 30 को लागू करना

2575. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार अधिवक्ता अधिनियम की धारा 30 के प्रावधानों को लागू करने के लिए अधिसूचना जारी करने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां, तो कब तक; और

(ख) क्या धारा 30 को अधिसूचित करने की मांग के मुद्दे पर वकीलों ने देशभर में आंदोलन आरंभ कर दिया है?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम० थम्बी दुरई): (क) और (ख) अधिवक्ता अधिनियम, 1961 की धारा 30 को प्रवर्तन में लाने की साध्यता सरकार के विचाराधीन है। भारतीय विधिक परिषद् द्वारा की गई मांग के अनुसार, 26 नवम्बर, 1998 को, संपूर्ण भारत में अधिवक्ता अधिनियम, 1961 की धारा 30 के तत्काल प्रवर्तन के लिए विरोध दिवस के रूप में मनाया गया था।

एकाधिकार तथा अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत समिति का गठन

2576. **श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक:** क्या विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या महानिदेशक, राजस्व आसूचना (डी० जी० आर० आई०) द्वारा दर्ज मामलों की जांच के लिए एकाधिकार तथा अवरोधक व्यापारिक व्यवहार अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत सरकार द्वारा किसी समिति के गठन पर विचार किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबनधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान दर्ज मामलों की संख्या कितनी है तथा इन पर की गई कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या है?

विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम० थम्बी दुरई): (क) से (ग) पंजीकरण और जांच महानिदेशालय द्वारा पंजीकृत मामलों की जांच के लिए